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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the audit of the revenue earned by the Private Telecommunication Service Provider Company is regulated by the Auditor General as per the condition of licence policy stipulated under the Telecom Policy, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has decided to get the audit of the share of revenue received from private mobile phone companies done by the Auditor General from the date of issuance of licence;

(d) if so, the total revenue out of the disputed revenue outstanding against private mobile phone companies till November 1, 2005 and the steps taken for the realisation of revenue alongwith the company-wise details thereof; and

(e) the names of the private telecom service provider companies so far found guilty of duping the subscribers and violating the licence conditions of the government together with the details of action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)&(b) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Service Providers (Maintenance of Books of Accounts and other documents) Rules, 2002 notified vide GSR No.782 (E) dated 27.11.2002, provide for the audit of such books of accounts and documents that have a bearing on the verification of revenue, by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C and AG).

(c) The revenue shares received from cellular mobile service providers are subject to audit by C and AG, like other Government revenues.

(d) The amount of outstanding dues against private cellular mobile operators as of 1st November 2005 is given in Annexure I. The steps taken by the Government for realization of outstanding license fee include reminders, invocation of available Bank Guarantees and arbitration proceedings. Suspension and cancellation of licenses are also resorted to in suitable cases after following the procedure prescribed in the license agreement.

(e) The names of the various private telecom service providers that were brought to the notice of the Government for violating the license conditions is given in Annexure II. Upon receipt of complaints, the Government issues Show Cause Notices and thereafter takes penal action wherever required. It is a continuous process. In several cases penalty has been levied and / or license has been terminated in accordance with the license conditions.

ANNEXURE-I
Dues outstanding against Private Mobile Phone Operators as on 01.11. 2005

(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	NAME OF LICENSEE	DUES OUTSTANDING
1	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	651.39
2	Aircel Ltd.	73.02
3	BPL Mobiles Communications Ltd.	2,900.00
4	Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.	1.65
5	Idea Mobiles Ltd.	97.15
6	Hutchison Essar South Ltd.	48.08
7	Idea Cellular Ltd.	9.85
8	Bharti Cellular Ltd.	909.00
9	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	8.41
10	Spice Communications Ltd.	1,000.50

11	M/s Koshika Telecom Ltd. (terminated license)	45,300.00
	Total	50,999.06

Annexure-II

List of Private Telecom Service Providers Found Violating License Conditions

Sl. No	Name of the Telecom Service Provider
1	M/s Reliance Infocom Ltd.
2	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.
3	M/s Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.
4	M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd.
5	M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd.
6	M/s Bharti Infotel Ltd.
7	M/s Bharti Cellular Ltd.
8	M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
9	M/s Dishnet DSL
10	M/s HFCL Satellite Communication Ltd.
11	M/s Shivam Data Tech Pvt.Ltd.
12	M/s Sigma Online Ltd.
13	M/s Magna Corporation India Ltd.
14	M/s Capital Online Pvt. Ltd.
15	M/s Trident Netcom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
16	M/s BPL Communication Ltd.
17	M/s Hutchison Essar South Ltd.
18	M/s Hutchison Essar Telecom Ltd.
19	M/s Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd.
20	M/s Hutchison Telecom East Ltd.
21	M/s Idea Cellular Ltd.
22	M/s Spice Communicatin Ltd.
23	M/s Bharti Hexacom Ltd.
24	M/s Fascel Ltd.
25	M/s Aircell Digilink India Ltd.
26	M/s Aircell Cellular Ltd.